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Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on September 6, 2002 was filed after the mailing date of the final rejection on September 9, 2001. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. However, it is noted that the information disclosure statement submitted at a later date (October 10, 2002) contains each of the documents cited on the September 6, 2002 IDS, and that the October 10, 2002 IDS has already been addressed on the record. Specifically, all documents cited on the September 6, 2002 IDS have already been made of record in the case, either by the IDS of Oct. 10, 2002, or previously. Accordingly, the IDS submitted on September 6, 2002 is not being considered since all documents cited thereon are already of record.

Response to Reply Brief

2. The reply brief filed November 4, 2002 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Conclusion

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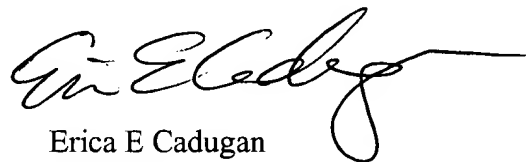
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